excise duty on such cotton yarn has already been paid as per the rates applicable for such yarn.

Duty Free Import of Cotton

3857. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to refer to answer to Un starred Question 992 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st March, 1994 and state :

(a) whether cotton trading companies have imported bales of cotton ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) and (b) The Government have allowed duty free import of upto 5 lakh bales of raw cotton during the current year by spinning mills. Since the import process have just started no quantity has been imported so far.

Tripartite Committee on Sick NTC Mills

3858. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Tripartite Committee on Textiles has yet taken any decision on the future of sick NTC mills ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Trade Union have firmly opposed the closure of sick NTC mills and retrenchment of staff ; and

(d) if so, the response of Government to such protests ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) to (d) The Special Tripartite Committee on its meeting held on 9-4-94, reached the following unanimous agreement :—

1. The reports given by the Textile Research Associations show that the NTC mills as well as Taken Over Mills can be made viable by modernisation.

2. Modernisation/Rationalisation therefore should be carried out in consultation with the unions.

3. *There* should be no retrenchment.

4. There should be no privatisation.

5. Taken over mills should be nationalised.

6. Surplus land may be disposed of and the proceeds should be utilised by the Management for modernisation, working capital, etc.

7. Professional management should be strengthened both in the Holding Company and at the subsidiary levels and representation of trade unions should be ensured upto Board level for effective participation of workers in management at all levels from unit to Holding Company level.

8. Steps shall be taken to move the BIFR to accept the above proposals and close the cases.

Grievances of Garment Exporters

3859. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Memorandum was submitted by All India Garment Exporters Common Cause Guild to the Prime Minister to get redressal of their grievances from the Ministry of Textiles ;

(b) if so, whether their main objection was the removal of certain distorted provisions in quota policy for 1994-95 ;

(c) what were the other points mentioned in the memorandum ;

(d) whether all the points of the memorandum have been considered by Government; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) to (e) Government had received a memorandum dated the 8th December 1993 from the All India Garment Exporters Common Cause Guild suggesting certain changes in the Long Term Garment Export Entitlement Distribution Policy 1994— 1996. The main suggestions made in the memorandum were regarding permitting direct transfers between registered exporters without the medium of Registered Quota Agents, increasing the base period tit calculation of Past Performance Entitlement (PPE; and Non Quota